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AMENDMENT

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated November 12, 1999, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

In The Claims

Please cancel claims 7, 19, 25, and 26 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 1, 6, 13, and 18 as set forth below.

1. (Amended) A device for controlling a generator including a diode bridge, comprising:

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a transistor for at least temporarily short-circuiting the diode bridge, the transistor including an interrupter connected parallel to the diode bridge; and

a capacitor smoothing a current detected at a voltage detection point, wherein the transistor has a base which receives a control signal.

6. (Amended) The device according to claim 1, further comprising:

A2
a diode element coupled between the diode bridge and [a] the voltage detection point, the diode element allowing a flow of [a] the current only from the generator